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willingness to sit down and basically come up with this compromise that is included in AM3373. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. You've heard the opening on AM3373. Those wishing to speak, Senator Redfield and Senator Beutler. Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I rise in support of the Smith amendment that is before us. And I do have some questions for Senator Smith, if I might.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, would you respond?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Senator Smith, there was some confusion on General File on this amendment. The bill, as I understand, the green copy, the committee had a vote on that. Do you remember what the vote on the green copy was in the committee hearing?

SENATOR SMITH: The green copy being my bill?

SENATOR REDFIELD: The green copy that is here before us in LB 1118. Was there a vote on the green copy alone for LB 1118?

SENATOR SMITH: No, it was as amended. It was...

SENATOR REDFIELD: So the vote in the committee, the unanimous vote, was actually for your amendment? Is that correct?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes. Yes.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you. I do think it's very, very important that we allow subdivisions to use our Auditor's Office. Otherwise, for bonding purposes, they would have to in fact hire outside auditors, and I think that's an expense that we don't need to bear as government at this time. So I will support the amendment. Thank you for bringing it.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you.